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A picture signal processing method, comprising the steps of:
receiving an analog picture signal (APS1, APS2) and a quality indication (QI1, QI2) relating to the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2); and
processing (PSP) the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2) in dependence on the
5 quality indication (QI1, QI2).

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the processing step (PSP) includes a picture enhancement operation.

10 3. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the picture enhancement operation (PSP) is a sharpness and/or contrast improving operation.

4. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the picture enhancement operation (PSP) is a noise or encoding artifact reduction operation.

15 5. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2) has been obtained by decoding a digital picture signal that has been obtained by encoding at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, and wherein the quality indication (QI1, QI2) is the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the
20 quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

6. A picture signal processing device, comprising:
means for receiving an analog picture signal (APS1, APS2) and a quality indication (QI1, QI2) relating to the analog picture signal; and
25 means (PSP) for processing the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2) in dependence on the quality indication (QI1, QI2).

7. A television receiver (TV) comprising:

a picture signal processing device (PSP) as claimed in claim 6 for furnishing a processed picture signal; and
means (DD) for displaying the processed picture signal.

5 ~~8~~ A picture signal supplying method, comprising the steps of:
supplying an analog picture signal (APS1, APS2); and
supplying a quality indication (QI1, QI2) relating to the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2).

10 ~~9~~ A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2) has been obtained by decoding a digital picture signal that has been obtained by encoding at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, and wherein the quality indication (QI1, QI2) is the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

15 ~~10~~ A picture signal supplying device, comprising:
means for supplying an analog picture signal (APS1, APS2); and
means for supplying a quality indication (QI1, QI2) relating to the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2).

20 ~~11~~ A picture signal supplying device as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:
means for decoding (DEC1, DEC2) a digital picture signal that has been obtained by encoding at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, to furnish the analog picture signal (APS1, APS2), the quality indication (QI1, QI2) being the
25 bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

30 ~~12~~ A record player (RP), comprising:
means for retrieving a digital picture signal from a record (DVD); and
a picture signal supplying device (DEC1) as claimed in claim 11.

~~13~~ A picture signal receiver (STB), comprising:
means (A2) for receiving a digital picture signal; and
a picture signal supplying device (DEC2) as claimed in claim 11.